Subject: Sulu coinage--Sultans on

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[Name is mispelled "Morse"
in first letter (Feb. 19).]

14th February, 1929

Governor Carl M. Morse,
Berkeley, Cal.

Dear Sir:

I have just received a letter from Mr. Gilbert S. Perez asking me to send you rubbings of the Sulu coins in our collection. These I am enclosing. A short while before Mr. Perez sent me a list of the Sultans of Sulu, compiled probably from original sources. It is interesting that none of the names on the coins correspond with this list, with the possible exception of Israel, who is listed as beginning his reign about seven years after the date on our coins. If you care to have photographs of these coins, I can do this.

If you have coins of other rulers, I would be very glad to know of them; or, if you have duplicates not in our collection, we would be very glad to be able to get them.

Very truly yours,

Curator

Berkeley, Calif.
March 14, 1929

Mr. Howland Wood
Curator of American Numismatic Society
New York.

Dear Sir:

In reply to your letter of Febuary 14th I have the honor to advice you that according to my investigations only three Sultans coined money. These were the following:

Alimud Din I (Sometimes Amirul Muminin or Aguimuddin) 1734-1773.
Israel-Son of Alimud Din-1773-1778.
Sarafud Din (Mohamed Saripuddin) 1789 to about 1800.

The coin with a square hole is not believed to be a Sulu coin. It is of Chinese origin. I have some of these still under study. I have no coins you do not show in your rubbings.

I should be pleased if I could be given photographs of these coins so as to enable me to read better the inscriptions.

I shall report further on the coin with a square hole after I have recieved your photographs.

I do not know from what source Mr. G. Perez obtained his list of the Sultans. I have a list with dates of reigns of same which I should be pleased to send if it might be of value. Many of the Arab names have become in the Malay considerably modified. This accounts for discrepancies in names on these coins.

Thanking you for these rubbings and hoping to recieve the photographs at an earlydate, I am

Very Respectfully,
Carl M. Moore
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27th March, 1929

Carl H. Moore, Esq.,
Berkeley, Cal.

Dear Sir:

I am herewith sending you photographs of the Sulu coins that we have. These are the same as the rubbings I sent you previously.

As regards the coin with the square hole, I am positive that none of these have ever come from China. I do not know where they have come from. The way they are cast to my mind shows they were not made in China. I consider, judging from what has been done in Borneo and the Malay Peninsula, that these were made if not at the regular Sulu mint, at least by Chinese sources in Sulu. The design on one side is certainly the same as on all the Sulu coins. The Arabic reads clearly: Sultan Mohammed Saruf ud Din. I would be interested in hearing your conclusions, and I would very much like to have your list of the Sultans of Sulu and would appreciateitt if some time you could send it to me.

Very truly yours,

Curator

August 1st, 1929.

Hon. Carl M. Moore,
2227 Ward Street,
Berkeley, California.

Dear Sir:

You may remember awhile ago you were going to send me a list of the Sultans of Sulu. I would appreciate it very much if I could have this list before very long.

I beg to remain,

Very truly yours,

Curator.

To
Governor Carl M. Moore